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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In response to the objection to the Abstract on the basis that the abstract uses the word "means" which, it is asserted, is a form of legal phraseology and also due to abstract length, please replace the text of the Abstract with the following paragraph:

A gaming machine for playing a multi-line spinning reel game has a display means and a game controller control means arranged to control images of symbols displayed on the display means. In the game at least one random event, in particular a spin of the reels, is caused to be displayed on the display means. If a predefined winning event occurs the machine awards a prize. The player is constrained to wager a single amount on each play of the game and may not vary the amount. This single wager amount provides eligibility to play all available lines of the game and eligibility to bonus features. No choice of other wagering options is provided. ~~The gaming machine has two advantages over existing gaming machines. First of all, it is not necessary to weight the jackpot of the prize for different bet sizes since all initial bets are the same. Secondly it is possible to tailor the statistics of the game to the one allowed bet rather than to a large range of bet profiles, thereby directly appealing to the target player.~~

Please replace Paragraph [0012] with the following Paragraph [0012]:

[0012] In a particular embodiment, there is provided gaming machine having a display means arranged to display a plurality of symbols in an array of n rows and m columns, where n and m are 2 or more, and a game control means arranged to control images displayed on the display means, the gaming machine being arranged to play an underlying game in which a prize is paid is paid when a predetermined combination of symbols is displayed in a predetermined arrangement of symbol locations displayed on the display means, there being more than one arrangement of symbol locations for which a prize may be paid, and wherein the player is constrained to wager a single amount on each play of the underlying game which provides eligibility to win prizes for all

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arrangements of symbol locations for which a prize may be paid, as well as eligibility to any bonus features provided in the game without choice of other wagering options.

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